

I have a daily commute of 90 minutes one-way to get to work. Due to the excessive amount of time I spend on the road and thereby in my vehicle I am a huge proponent of XM radio. It not only provides extremely valuable entertainment, but allows me to better plan my route and schedule by keeping me up to date on travel. In addition, the Chicagoland area is well known for its quickly changing weather conditions. XM traffice and weather is beyond helpful. Just the other day I tuned in and was informed about tornado producing cells in the area and opted to take a detour home so I could shop while avoiding the bad weather. These updates never came across the FM radio until I would have already been in the midst of trouble.

Please, please reject the NAB's petition 04-160. XM radio is a fully funded service that I pay for and shouldn't be held to the unrealistic and capitalist needs of the National Association of Broadcasters. Dissatisfaction with what is on FM as it is is why I pay a fee for XM radio. Don't take that away from me as well.